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To: Commissioner for Patents

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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Y. WATANABE et al (see attached)

For:

STORAGE SYSTEM, AND CONTROL METHOD, JOB SCHEDULING PROCESSING
METHOD, AND FAILURE HANDLING METHOD THEREFOR, AND PROGRAM
FOR EACH METHOD

Enclosed are:



17 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-390239 (which is hereby
filed November 20, 2003 ☒ A certified copy is attached herewith. incorporated by
reference)



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
☒ discussed in the specification or ☒ attached Information Disclosure Statement.



Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.



Specification: Abstract X, Description 52 pages; and 9 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

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